of laws dealing with women.

**Survey for Gulbarga to Bhiguvan**

718. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for doubling the line from Gulbarga to Bhiguvan was taken and what is the progress so far made in it;

(b) whether the survey and cost estimation in regard to Solapur-Pakni portion thereof has been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether in view of the pressing heed for decongesting and diverting railway traffic from Solapur, due priority would be accorded to doubling this part first; if so, by when it would be accorded to doubling this first; if so, by when it would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) to (d) A survey for doubling of line from Gulbarga to Bhiguvan, which includes the section from Pakni to Solapur, is in progress in phases. Survey from Bhiguvan to Jeur (48 km.) has been completed and the survey report is under preparation. The cost of the complete project will be available and consideration of taking up the various phases of the project would be possible, once the survey report becomes available.

**Fee hike for higher education**

† 719. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Wffl the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given approval to the fee hike in the field of higher education;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and the percentage of proposed fee hike; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government had also made efforts to identify other sources for meeting the growing requirement of funds in the field of higher education in addition to recover increased fee from the students; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The recommendations made by various committees set up in-this regard by the UGC are being considered in the Ministry.

(b) and (c) The information will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

**Transfer Policy in KVS**

720. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 231 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 2000 and state:

(a) the details of requests for transfer pending with K.V.S. at present and by when they would be finalised;

(b) whether any case of corruption came to notice of K.V.S. in respect of these transfer requests;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) 11,319 applications have been received requesting for transfer. This figure is provisional and subject to change based on the representations to be received from the employees, since the priority list has recently been published. It is proposed to finalise the transfers by 31.08.2000.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Not applicable.